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SUBJECT: SOVIET CULTURAL CENTER IN HELSINKI

REF: HELSINKI 0021

1. EMBOFF MET WITH FINNISH FIRST SECRETARY (PRESS AND CULTURE)

REINO PASSILINNA JANUARY 9 TO DISCUSS NEW SOVIET CULTURAL
CENTER IN HELSINKI REPORTED REFTEL.

2. PASSILINNA SAID HE ALSO LEARNED OF NEW CENTER FROM FINNISH
PRESS, ALTHOUGH HE AWARE DISCUSSIONS HAD BEEN UNDERWAY FOR "SEVERAL
YEARS". ACCORDING TO PASSILINNA, FINNISH EMBASSY IN MOSCOW PLAYED
NO ROLE IN DISCUSSIONS. HIS IMPRESSION IS THAT CENTER OSTENSIBLY
WILL BE DIRECTED BY FINNISH-SOVIET FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY IN HELSINKI
COMPOSED MAINLY OF FINNISH CITIZENS. PASSILINNA IS ASKING HELSINKI
FOR MORE INFO AND SAID HE WOULD INFORM US.

3. FIRST SECRETARY SAID HIS EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO PLANS FOR FINNISH
CULTURAL CENTER IN MOSCOW. FINNS HOPE TO BENEFIT FROM SOVIET
CENTER IN HELSINKI BY OBTAINING BETTER LIVING QUARTERS IN MOSCOW

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WHERE THEY CAN ENTERTAIN "FINNISH STYLE", I.E. WITH SAUNA AND

OTHER SUCH ACCOUTREMENTS.

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